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1. [redacted] several military units - including KNOJ formations - are stationed in the region north of the Boljenac - Zajecar railway.
2. The Rajac - Mrlita narrow gauge railway in the vicinity of the Timok River and the Bulgarian frontier is completely militarized and used only by KNOJ patrols, each armed with seven heavy machine guns and one anti-aircraft machine gun. (The patrol consists of a locomotive pushing a sand-bagged railroad car, protected by a primitive arrangement of iron plates, and drawing two similarly equipped cars.)
3. There is a curfew at Zajecar.
4. Two passenger trains each day as well as all freight trains on the Sarbanovac - Bor narrow gauge line are accompanied by strong military guards.
5. Military units are also stationed at the Coka Dulkan and Crni Timok copper mines and the Retan and Roska Coka coal mines. In addition to troops, the locality is full of UDB agents in mufti.
6. The official reason given for the presence of these troops is the necessity of protecting Yugoslav property and the civil population against a frontier attack from Bulgaria. Another more likely reason is fear of internal trouble in view of the reports of low morale among the miners.
7. The recent flight to Bulgaria of Todorovic, (fnu) a former Minister of Finance in the Federal Republic of Serbia, who was accompanied by a number of Communists of the Timokska Krajina area, is believed to be connected with these fears. On arrival in Bulgaria, Todorovic and his friends published in the Bulgarian Communist Party newspaper a series of articles attacking Tito and his regime, which the Yugoslav Government answered by publishing in full together with its explanation of the "true facts". Todorovic was accused of stealing the people's money and Radomir Ilic-Miko (the local deputy chief of UDB) of being a panic-monger. The local Communist Party secretary at Bor was accused of embezzlement and Osoj Rokic, director of the Bor mines and Peter Repic, UDB control officer at Bor, were charged with abuse of authority.

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8. The "clean-up" carried out by Col. Vladan Dejanovic of UDB has resulted in the dismissal of 65 percent of the UDB officials at Bor, while 300 persons with Bulgarian sympathies in the vicinity have been arrested and taken to Nis, where they are at present detained. Ten of the 300 have been taken to the island of Ada Cyganlija on the Sava River near Belgrade.
9. With a view to raising morale, Col. Dusan Brezar, Chairman of the Control Commission of the Ministry of Defense at Bor, has increased the bonuses and rations of the miners.
10. In addition, the Agitprop Committee of the local Communist Party has set up 47 "regular and mobile" cells at the Bor mines, while bookings are to be taken at the end of May for holidays on the Adriatic for miners and miners' families.

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